

NABOB

National Association of
Black Owned Broadcasters

March 25, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street NW
Washington, D. C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Amendment of Parts 15, 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Provide for the Preservation of One Vacant Channel in the UHF Television Band For Use By White Space Devices and Wireless Microphones, WT Docket No. 15-146, and Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, GN Docket No. 12-268

Dear Ms. Dortch:

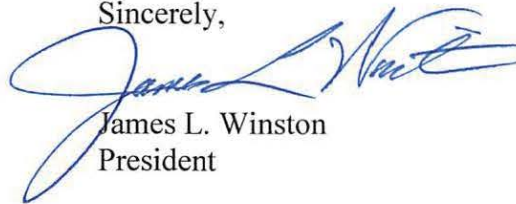
The following representatives of the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters, Inc. ("NABOB"): Melody Spann Cooper, Chairman, Midway Broadcasting Corporation, Steven Roberts, President, Roberts Broadcasting Corporation, Lois Wright, Executive Vice President and Corporate Counsel, Inner City Broadcasting Corporations, Sherman Kizart, Managing Partner, Kizart Media Partners, and the undersigned met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and David Grossman, Chief of Staff and Media Policy Advisor, on March 23, 2016. During the meeting, NABOB representatives reiterated their view that the Commission should hold in abeyance consideration of its proposal to reserve one or two television channels in every market for unlicensed services.

We asked that the Commission wait until after all full power stations have been repacked and licensed LPTV stations have been assigned new channels. We pointed out that licensed services should be given preference over unlicensed services. This is especially true for the LPTV service, because, after the incentive auction, it is very likely that there will be fewer full power television stations licensed to African American owned companies. Therefore, preserving LPTV stations, particularly those licensed to African American owned companies, will be even more critical to fulfilling the Commission's obligation to ensure a diversity of voices over the nation's airwaves.

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In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) the Commission's rules, this notice is being filed in the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James L. Winston", is written over the printed name and title.

James L. Winston
President

cc: The Honorable Mignon Clyburn
David Grossman